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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 enclosed is a PTO-1449 Form listing nine references.

The references were cited in an International Search Report issued by the European Patent Office, a copy of which was filed on March 16, 2000 and a further copy of which is attached. Copies of these references are not submitted as the Notification of Acceptance dated May 3, 2000 indicates that the Patent and Trademark Office has already received copies of the International Search Report and the references.

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The first column of the European Search Report lists the international pertinence category for each reference and the third paragraph lists the claims against which the respective references are applied.

The Examiner made the following comments concerning the references:

As to the first reference: "Page 14, line 20-line 29; Figure 4".

As to the second reference: "Page 5, column 6, line 43-page 6, column 7, line 28; Figures 1, 6-8".

As to the third reference: "Column 2, line 5-line 9; Figure 1".

As to the fourth reference: "Column 3, line 9-line 12; Figures 1-4".

As to the fifth reference: "Column 2, line 33-line 35; Figure 1".

As to the sixth reference: "Column 6, line 38-line 52; Figure 14".

As to the seventh reference: "Column 2, line 66-line 75; Figures 3, 5".

As to the ninth reference: "Column 4, line 5-column 24; Figures 2, 3".

The Examiner made no comments concerning European patent document 793 303.

By providing an English-language version of the European Search Report the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance of non-English-language references is deemed to be satisfied pursuant to the sentence bridging the two columns on page 600-101 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, Seventh Edition (Revision 1, February 2000).

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Since all the requirements of Rules 97 and 98 have been complied with, the Examiner is requested to consider the references on their merit and return a copy of the PTO-1449 Form indicating with his/her initials that the references were considered.

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